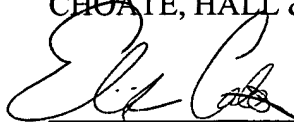


REMARKS

In this preliminary amendment, Applicant has cancelled claims 9-18 and 20-22 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof, and amended claims 3, 19 and 23 to clarify that which Applicant considers to be the invention. Further, Applicant has amended the specification to reflect that the present application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/154,048. Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments to the claims are supported by the original specification as filed and that the amendments to the specification do not add new subject matter.

Favorable consideration and allowance are earnestly solicited. Should there be any questions after reviewing this paper, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 617-248-4792.

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